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BREEDERS CAN NOW GET HARDWARE CLOTH

Large rabbit breeders accustomed to buying hardware cloth of 5/8" mesh, 17 gauge wire, for the construction of hutches, direct from distributors may again do so without preference rating and without paper work of any kind, according to information supplied by the Building Materials Division of the War Production Board to Frank G. Ashbrook, in charge, Fur Resources, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

It will be possible now for the retailer to buy this cloth without any paper work, as soon as adequate supplies can be produced and distributed. According to instructions given to the Service, the distributor applies for his stock on WPB-547 form (formerly called PD-IX). He then can sell to the retailer who in turn can sell to the rabbit breeder without ratings or authorization of any kind.

Designated as rabbit cloth, 5/8" mesh, 17 gauge wire, 30" wide, is now included in the classification of standard hardware cloth. It was formerly classed as industrial cloth.

Such a heavy demand for this type of cloth has come from the Pacific Coast--the rabbit-producing center of the United States--that War Production Board has been endeavoring to increase the available supply in that area.

This ruling from War Production Board culminates efforts begun several months ago by the Fish and Wildlife Service to help breeders obtain the right kind of hardware cloth necessary for their particular requirements.